Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting

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⚠️ **DANGER**

*Danger:* Immediate hazards that will result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠️ **WARNING**

*Warning:* Hazards or unsafe practices that could result in personal injury.

⚠️ **CAUTION**

*Caution:* Hazards or unsafe practices that could result in product or property damages.

⚠️ **IMPORTANT**

*Important:* Instructions that must be followed to ensure proper installation/operation of equipment.

⚠️ **NOTE**

*Note:* General statements to assist the reader.
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Introduction

General

Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting is a self-adjusting conveyor belt skirting system that prevents spillage without requiring regular service to maintain an effective seal.

Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting is a 1-piece dual sealing system that combines the benefits of the primary and secondary seal in one seal. The primary seal prevents the majority of the material being loaded onto the conveyor belt from leaking past the chute walls. The secondary seal follows the flexing of the conveyor belt edge to trap material that has escaped from the primary seal. The double seal is a 1-piece dual sealing system in a dual-sided single elastomer.

Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting can be used with Martin® Angle Clamps or most existing clamps. See Appendix A for mounting dimensions. For a comparison of the different types of Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting, see the Selection Guide in Appendix B.

Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting materials

Materials and specifications for the Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting are shown in Table I.

Table I. Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting Materials and Specifications

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Material</th>
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<td>EPDM Rubber</td>
<td>70</td>
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References

The following documents are referenced in this manual:

- Federal Register, Volume 54, Number 169, Part IV, 29 CFR Part 1910, Control of Hazardous Energy Source (Lockout/Tagout); Final Rule, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), 32nd Floor, Room 3244, 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604.

Safety

All safety rules defined in the above documents and all owner/employer safety rules must be strictly followed when working on this equipment.

Material required

In addition to standard hand tools, a knife and Martin® Angle Clamps or equivalent are required to install this equipment.
## Before Installing Skirting

### IMPORTANT

The delivery service is responsible for damage occurring in transit. Martin Engineering CANNOT enter claims for damages. Contact your transportation agent for more information.

1. Inspect shipping container for damage. Report damage to delivery service immediately and fill out delivery service’s claim form. Keep any damaged goods subject to examination.

2. Remove skirting system from shipping container. Equipment in container should include the following:
   - Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting.
   - Two Conveyor Products Warning Labels, P/N 23395.

3. If anything is missing, contact Martin Engineering or representative.

### WARNING

Before installing equipment, lock out/tag out energy source to conveyor and conveyor accessories.

4. Turn off and lock out/tag out energy source according to ANSI standards (see “References”).

### WARNING

If equipment will be installed in an enclosed area, test gas level or dust content before using a cutting torch or welding. Using a cutting torch or welding in an area with gas or dust may cause an explosion.

5. If using a cutting torch or welding, test atmosphere for gas level or dust content.
Installing Skirting

**IMPORTANT**

For maximum skirting effectiveness, Martin Engineering recommends using Martin® Wear Liners with skirting (see “Part Numbers” for ordering information). Make sure chute wall and wear liners are straight and well-supported.

Figure 1. Locating Chute Wall and Wear Liner

1. Make sure wear liner (A, Figure 1) is 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) from belt at transfer point entry (B), and gradually increases to 3/4 in. (19 mm) at transfer point exit (C).
Figure 2. Installing Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting

2. Place rubber seal (A) against chute wall (B).

3. Adjust seal so that it rests on conveyor belt (C). Do not force seal onto belt.

**IMPORTANT**

If seal has a splice, additional clamps may be required at splice to maintain seal.

4. Clamp seals to chute wall using Martin® Angle Clamps (see Appendix A). Refer to drawings that were included with clamps for installation instructions. If you are not using Martin® Angle Clamps, space clamps at 12-in. (305-mm) centers so that seal does not move while conveyor belt is running (loaded or unloaded).

**IMPORTANT**

Do not use Permabond to splice thermoplastic rubber seals for food-grade applications. Permabond is not a food-grade adhesive.

5. If you need to splice two or more lengths of rubber seals together, do the following:
   a. Use the 1-Piece Martin® ApronSeal™ Splice Kit (Rubber), P/N 34147.
   b. Cut both ends to be bonded together at a 90° angle and clean both ends. (This 90° angle is critical because both pieces of skirting must be straight after bonding.)
   c. Apply Permabond 268 to both ends and hold ends together for 1 minute.

6. If you need to splice two or more lengths of thermoplastic rubber together for food-grade application, do not apply Permabond. Instead, clamp seals in place with ends touching.
After Installing Skirting

Thoroughly wipe chute wall clean above Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting on both sides of chute. Place Conveyor Products Warning Label (P/N 23395) on outside chute walls visible to conveyor belt operator.

Monthly Maintenance

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

Before installing equipment, lock out/tag out energy source to conveyor and conveyor accessories.

1. Turn off and lock out/tag out energy source according to ANSI standards (see “References”).

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

Do not lift up secondary seal while conveyor belt is running or injury could result.

2. Check seals for wear. Replace if necessary.
3. Make sure clamps are tight.
4. Make sure primary seal section is resting on conveyor belt and does not move.
Part Numbers

This section provides product names and corresponding part numbers for Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting and related equipment. Please reference part numbers when ordering parts:

**Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting**

See Figure 3.

**Martin® Clamps**

- **Angle Clamp Weldment (6 ft long):** P/N 32049.
- **Angle Clamp Weldment With Hardware:** P/N 32049-H.
- **Angle Clamp Weldment with Quick-Release Clamp and Hardware:** P/N 32049-QRH

- **Low-Profile Angle Clamp Weldment:** P/N 32600.
- **Low-Profile Angle Clamp Weldment With Hardware:** P/N 32600-H.
- **Low-Profile Angle Clamp Weldment with Quick-Release Clamp and Hardware:** P/N 32600-QRH

- **Heavy-Duty Angle Clamp Weldment:** P/N 34339.
- **Heavy-Duty Angle Clamp Weldment With Hardware:** P/N 34339-H.

**Miscellaneous**

- **Martin® Wear Liners:** P/N WL-XXXXXXXXXXXX. First four Xs indicate the height of wear liner in inches; next four Xs indicate length of wear liner in inches; next three Xs indicate thickness of wear liner in inches; last X indicates wear liner material.

- **1-Piece Martin® ApronSeal™ Splice Kit (Rubber):** P/N 34147.

- **Fabricated Chute Wall 12-in. Tall Assembly for Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirt Seal:** P/N 33564-XX. XX indicates troughing angle.

- **Fabricated Chute Wall 24-in. Tall Assembly for Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting:** P/N 34620-XX. XX indicates troughing angle.
**Figure 3. Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting Assemblies**

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Lock out and/or tag out all energy sources to conveyor system and loading system before performing any work on conveyor or conveyor accessories. Failure to do so could result in severe injury or death.

Cierre y/o rotule todas las fuentes de energía al sistema transportador y al sistema de carga antes de realizar cualquier trabajo en el transportador o sus accesorios. El no hacerlo puede resultar en heridas serias o muerte.

Figure 4. Conveyor Products Warning Label, P/N 23395
Appendix A

Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting Mounting Dimensions
A. Angle Clamp Weldment, P/N 32049
B. 1/2-in. -13NC Hex Nut, P/N 34134
C. 1/2 Flat Washer, P/N 17328
D. 1/2-in. -13NC x 3-in. Threaded Stud, P/N 31189
E. 1/2-in. -13NC Locking Flange Nut, P/N 18843
F. Martin® ApronSeal™ Single Skirting, P/N 100724

*Distance from center of mounting stud to point on belt directly below chute wall.
A. Stud 1/2 x 13NC x 3.00, P/N 31189
B. Nut Flange Locking 1/2 -13NC, P/N 18843
C. Angle Clamp Weldment, P/N 32049
D. 9/16 Flat Washer, P/N 17328
E. 3/4 Flat Washer, P/N 20164
F. Quick-Release Clamp, P/N 36273
G. Martin® ApronSeal™ Single Skirting HD, P/N 100723

*Distance from center of mounting stud to point on belt directly below chute wall.
A. Stud 1/2 x 13NC x 3.00, P/N 31189
B. Nut Flange Locking 1/2 -13NC, P/N 18843
C. Angle Clamp Weldment, P/N 32049
D. 9/16 Flat Washer, P/N 17328
E. 3/4 Flat Washer, P/N 20164
F. Quick-Release Clamp, P/N 36273
G. Martin® ApronSeal™ Double Skirting HD, P/N 100861

*Distance from center of mounting stud to point on belt directly below chute wall.
## Appendix B

### Martin® ApronSeal™ Skirting Selection Guide

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### Minimum "Free Belt" Outside Skirtboard*

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<td>2.14 in. (54 mm)</td>
<td>2.97 in. (76 mm)</td>
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<td>20° Trough</td>
<td>2.5 in. (63 mm)</td>
<td>3.5 in. (89 mm)</td>
<td>2.58 in. (66 mm)</td>
<td>3.74 in. (95 mm)</td>
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<td>35° Trough</td>
<td>3 in. (76 mm)</td>
<td>3.5 in. (89 mm)</td>
<td>2.87 in. (73 mm)</td>
<td>4.18 in. (106 mm)</td>
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<td>45° Trough</td>
<td>3.25 in. (83 mm)</td>
<td>4.125 in. (105 mm)</td>
<td>3.01 in. (77 mm)</td>
<td>4.38 in. (111 mm)</td>
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<td>Maximum Belt Speed</td>
<td>600 fpm (3 m/s)</td>
<td>750 fpm (3.8 m/s)</td>
<td>600 fpm (3 m/s)</td>
<td>750 fpm (3.8 m/s)</td>
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### Notes
- Available in lengths up to 300 ft (91.5 m).
- High-temperature and food-grade materials available in lengths up to 24 ft (7.3 m).
- Available in lengths up to 300 ft (91.5 m). Double life sealing system in a one-piece construction.
- Available in lengths up to 300 ft (91.5 m). Double life sealing system in a one-piece construction.

* "Free Belt" is amount of belting visible outside the steel skirtboard on each side of the transfer point.
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